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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Please see attached letter regarding the Microsoft Settlement.
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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I would like to take this time to voice my opinion on the Microsoft case. The government had no right to intervene with private business, but now that the case has been allowed to drag on for three years, the American public needs to see that the case is finally ended. Microsoft is a good company; they've provided consumers with superior products and have changed our lives, contributing so much to our nation's economy. I run a production company and use Microsoft's products in my office. I am not forced to do so; I use their products because I prefer to.

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The proposed settlement will be more than favorable to Microsoft's competitors and will consequently foster competition. Microsoft has agreed to tone down its supposedly aggressive marketing techniques and will allow their competitors to create and promote non-Microsoft software in Windows. They are also going to give away a lot of their technical secrets to their competitors.

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This settlement is more than reasonable and is the right thing to do. Our economy is struggling and our technology industry needs to be restored. Ending this case is a perfect way to do that. Thank you for your time.

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Sincerely,

Gretchen Huizinga

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